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Admiral Stansfield Turner
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

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Re: Marks, et al v Turner, et al
CA No. 77-1108, U.S.D.C., D.C.

Dear Director Turner:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has been informed that certain congressional materials, currently in the physical custody of your Agency, have been made the object of the Marks v Turner civil action. More specifically, the Committee understands that the records requested include material and information prepared for its predecessor committee in response to that committee's express interest and specific questions put to your Agency.

This Committee (pursuant to S. Res. 400, 94th Cong.), and its predecessor, the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, (pursuant to S. Res. 21, 94th Cong.), has exchanged with your Agency considerable information and documents of a very sensitive nature. For historical and practical reasons, this exchange of information and documents is an essential part of the consultative and deliberative process between the two branches. It is essential that this process continue if this Committee is to discharge its obligations to the U.S. Senate and the American people. When this Committee completes its work in an area, a determination will be made according to the applicable Senate rules as to what information can and should be released to the public, after a careful weighing of all relevant considerations. Consistent with this approach, strict security procedures are in effect for all of the Committee's intelligence records. This Committee's predecessor, published extensive reports with regard to

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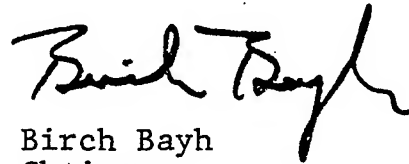
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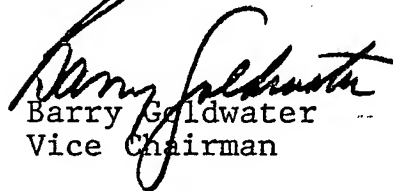
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its findings in connection with CIA-academic relations, the subject of this lawsuit. However, the Committee found it neither necessary nor advisable to make available all details regarding the conduct of its investigation and the data assembled. This Committee feels that further publication of information collected by its predecessor is not warranted at this time.

Sincerely,



Birch Bayh
Chairman



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Vice Chairman

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